

our midst during that period. These are facts that cannot be overcome by those who now seek to raise the false cry of negro domination.

Our railroad business is more than fifty per cent. better in every way than during President Cleveland's administration. Many furniture factories and woodworking establishments have been organized throughout the state, the splendid waterpowers of western North Carolina are being rapidly developed. On every hand and in every place within our borders are to be seen indisputable evidences of enduring prosperity.

The republican party has been equally fortunate in its control of the affairs of the national government. On the first day of July the cash balance in the treasury of the United States was \$208,630,022.64. The excess of receipts over disbursements for the year is also very large, and the treasury surplus of \$92,193,190.33 is larger than any year since 1888. The gold held by the treasury was \$559,301,051, an increase of \$6,600,000 since June 1st. Excluding from these figures the trust and reserve funds, the treasurer has on hand, included in available cash subject to the calls of disbursing officers \$102,191,062, against \$96,554,392 one month ago.

The national bank currency within the past year has increased nearly \$2,000,000, and the amount of standard silver certificates, bullion and subsidiary silver has increased from \$32,000,000 to \$39,000,000, and the government funds in national bank depositories has increased from \$101,000,000 to \$129,000,000. The circulating medium on the first day of July was \$28.40 per capita. These are the conditions which the republican party promised in 1896, and it is for the people of North Carolina to say as to whether they are willing to again vote to entrust the democratic party with the control of our affairs in view of the many false prophecies they made with respect to the calamities that would be visited upon the American people in the event that the republican party should be successful.

While we have been deprived of the splendid leadership of our beloved President McKinley, who was stricken down by the hand of an anarchist, and while there is universal regret at the great loss which we as a people have sustained in the death of the eminent statesman, devoted husband and Chris-

tian gentleman, whom the people loved so dearly and whose death they mourned so deeply, at the same time it is fortunate for the American people that we have at the head of our affairs today one who typifies in the highest degree that which constitutes American statesmanship. President Roosevelt is in full sympathy with and a firm believer in the principles of the republican party. His courage and honesty of purpose are sufficient guarantees as to the safe and intelligent conduct of our affairs in the future.

Our democratic friends seek to raise once again the false issue of imperialism. Many weeks were consumed during the present session of congress in a fruitless discussion of what is known as the civil government bill for the control of the Philippine islands. The Congressional Record is filled with abusive attacks upon the American soldiers who have been sent to these islands for the purpose of upholding the honor and integrity of the nation and enforcing obedience to the mandates of our government. The democratic leaders in congress have sought to create the impression that the republican party is responsible for the alleged misconduct of the American soldiers who have been endeavoring to restore law and order in the Philippine islands. Much time during the consideration of the civil government bill was occupied by democratic senators in the delivery of speeches full of abuse of the American soldier; but, strange to say, these gentlemen uttered no word of condemnation of the many cruelties and brutal outrages committed upon the American soldiers by the Filipinos. Not a question was asked by a democratic senator which was calculated to elicit evidence as to the barbarous treatment of our soldiers, nor were there any questions asked by them which had a tendency to sustain the honor and integrity of the American government. On the other hand, they appeared as the prosecutors of the American soldier, representing the Filipinos, and plead their cause with the energy and devotion that is usually displayed by the paid attorney in behalf of his client.

On the 22d day of February Representative Cannon offered an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill which read as follows: "For the proper shelter and protection of officers and enlisted